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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of

Applicant : Mark Kovacs
Serial No. : 10/014,926
Filed : October 26, 2001
Title : SLICER CARRIAGE TRACKING ARRANGEMENT AND
ASSOCIATED METHOD OF CONTROLLING FOOD PRODUCT
CARRIAGE
Docket : 006593-1941
Examiner : Prone, Jason D.
Art Unit : 3724

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Sir:

COMMENTS ON REASONS FOR NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE

The Examiner's statement of reasons for allowance as set forth in the Notice of Allowability has been considered and the following comments are noted for the public record:

Applicant hereby puts the public on notice that the examiner's stated reasons for allowance are not considered limiting of the claims and each of the claims will be interpreted and enforced as broadly as it is written. To the extent any statement, structure or step referred to in

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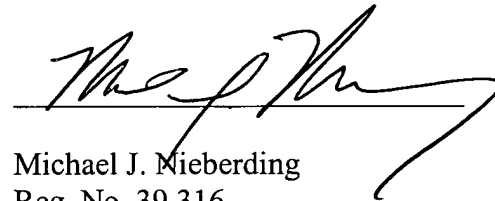
the reasons for allowance is not expressly set forth in a given claim, the claim language shall control and shall not be affected by the reasons for allowance.

By way of example, and without limitation, it is apparent that certain of the examiner's statements do not coincide with the clear language of claim 35, and the scope of claim 35 shall not be limited by the examiner's statements. Notably, claim 35 does not refer to or require any of a "pivot link," a "mask element," a "light source" or a "photo-detector."

Applicant further notes that the entire range of equivalents that may be available for each claim limitation is hereby reserved and is not affected by any of the examiner's stated reasons for allowance. Further applicants reserve the right to distinguish each claim over the art based upon any particular feature or combination of features recited in such claim.

Respectfully submitted,

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